US Forces Tennis Championship 2006





SCHWETZINGEN, Germany – Battling nearly 100 degree heat on Heidelberg's red clay courts, Stuttgart's Eric Latson capped this year's tennis season by winning the 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Men's Open Singles title in a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Ramstein's Orlando Gonzalez. Davis Ward of Swetzingen took third, defeating Ryan Vanderneck of Ramstein.

Pia Sanchez of Hanau, bested the field in Women's Open Singles, by prevailing in a 7-1 tie-breaker over Emy Frost of Sigonella, Italy. Third place went to Melissa Postlewait from Mannheim.

The championships, hosted by Installation Management Agency Europe's Morale, Welfare and Recreation branch, was held at the Patrick Henry Village Tennis Center in Heidelberg.

In Men's Seniors (30-39) play, Caedron Frost defended his title with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Maurice Gary of Mannheim Sixty-two year old Jim Moss of Kaiserslautern made it three masters in a row with his win over Ramstein's Chuck Gardin in Men's masters (40 and over). "Tennis is my heart therapy after suffering a heart attack in 2003," said Moss. Craig

Hendrix and Chuck Gardin, both of Ramstein were the hottest pair in the Men's Doubles finals, defeating David Ward (Schwetzingen) and Maurice Gary (Mannheim) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Third place went to Eric Latson and Greg Outlaw (Stuttgart) after defeating the Carlos Clavijo (Kaiserslautern)-Christopher Jenkins (Mildenhall) duo 6-2, 6-1.

On the final day of Women's Doubles, Melissa Postlewait (Mannheim) and Philisa LeGreir (Heidelberg) outpointed Leah Criglow and Katherine Wetzler (Heidelberg), 6-2, 6-2.

The Mixed Doubles trophy went to Caedron and Emy Frost (Sigonella) following their victory over Jim Moss (Kaiserslautern) and Carrie McCallister (Stuttgart), 6-3, 6-1. The Adrian Haynes (Wiesbaden) Anjuli Navarro (Mannheim) pair outplayed Orlando Gonzalez and Hilda Serrano (Ramstein) for third place Team results: 1st Heidelberg; 2nd Ramstein; 3rd. Stuttgart.